

Amendment and Response

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REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed June 17, 2008, in which claims 1-26 were rejected.

With this Amendment, claims 4, 5, 6-8, 11, 12, 17, 18, 21-25, and 26 have been cancelled without prejudice, claims 27-37 have been added, and claims 1, 9, 14, and 15 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention.

Claims 1-3, 9, 10, 13-16, 19, 20, and 27-37, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9-12, 14, 15, and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Beaven et al. US Patent No. 7,149,979.

Claims 6-8 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ushiro et al. US Patent No. 4,891,517.

Claims 3, 16, and 20-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beaven et al. US Patent No. 7,149,979 and further in view of Ushiro et al. US Patent No. 4,891,517.

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beaven et al. US Patent No. 7,149,979 and further in view of Kuwata et al. US Patent No. 7,315,389.

With this Amendment, claims 4, 5, 6-8, 11, 12, 17, 18, 21-25, and 26 have been cancelled without prejudice. The rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 35 U.S.C. 103, therefore, are rendered moot.

With this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the method of imaging transparency sheet media includes "determining a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation, including prompting a user of the mirror imaging selection and receiving in response thereto user input designating mirror imaging of the electronic document file;" "deriving an electronic mirror image corresponding to the electronic document file in accordance with the user input of the mirror imaging selection;" and "forming a mirror image on a sheet of transparency sheet media in accordance with the electronic mirror image."

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With this Amendment, independent claim 9 has been amended to clarify that the program code is configured to cause a processor to **"prompt a user for a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation, and receive in response thereto user input designating mirror imaging of the electronic document file;" "derive an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with the user input of the mirror imaging selection;" and "transmit the electronic mirror image to an imaging apparatus and form a mirror image on a sheet of transparency sheet media with the imaging apparatus in accordance with the electronic mirror image."**

With this Amendment, independent claim 14 has been amended to clarify that the imaging apparatus includes program code configured to cause the processor to **"prompt a user for a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation, and receive in response thereto user input designating mirror imaging of the electronic document file;" "derive an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with the user input of the mirror imaging selection;" and "control the imaging engine to form a mirror image on a transparency sheet media in accordance with the electronic mirror image."**

With respect to the Beaven, Ushiro, and Kuwata references, Applicant submits that these references, individually or in combination, do not disclose a method of imaging transparency sheet media as claimed in independent claim 1 including, amongst other things, determining a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation, including prompting a user of the mirror imaging selection and receiving in response thereto user input designating mirror imaging of the electronic document file; deriving an electronic mirror image corresponding to the electronic document file in accordance with the user input of the mirror imaging selection; and forming a mirror image on a sheet of transparency sheet media in accordance with the electronic mirror image. do not disclose a computer-accessible storage media as claimed in independent claim 9 including program code configured to cause a processor to, amongst other things, prompt a user for a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation, and receive in response thereto user input designating mirror imaging of the electronic document file; derive an electronic

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mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with the user input of the mirror imaging selection; and transmit the electronic mirror image to an imaging apparatus and form a mirror image on a sheet of transparency sheet media with the imaging apparatus in accordance with the electronic mirror image, and do not disclose an imaging apparatus as claimed in independent claim 14 including program code configured to cause the processor to, amongst other things, prompt a user for a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation, and receive in response thereto user input designating mirror imaging of the electronic document file; derive an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with the user input of the mirror imaging selection; and control the imaging engine to form a mirror image on a transparency sheet media in accordance with the electronic mirror image.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 9, and 14, and the dependent claims depending therefrom, are each patentably distinct from the Beaven, Ushiro, and Kuwata references and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 35 U.S.C. 103 be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1-3, 9, 10, 13-16, 19, and 20 be allowed.

New Claims

With this Amendment, Applicant has also added new claims 27-37 with claims 27, 30, and 33 being independent and claims 28-29, 31-32, and 34-37 depending therefrom, respectively.

The method of imaging transparency sheet media of new independent claim 27 includes, amongst other things, "determining a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation, including detecting an automatic mirror imaging designation for the electronic document file as the mirror imaging selection;" "deriving an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with the automatic mirror imaging designation;" and "forming a mirror image on a sheet of transparency sheet media in accordance with the electronic mirror image."

The computer-accessible storage media of new independent claim 30 includes program code configured to cause a processor to, amongst other things, "detect an

automatic mirror imaging designation of the electronic document file as a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation;" "derive an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with the automatic mirror imaging designation;" and "transmit the electronic mirror image to an imaging apparatus and form a mirror image on a sheet of transparency sheet media with the imaging apparatus in accordance with the electronic mirror image."

The imaging apparatus of new independent claim 33 includes program code configured to cause the processor to, amongst other things, "detect an automatic mirror imaging designation of the electronic document file as a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation;" "derive an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with the automatic mirror imaging designation;" and "control the imaging engine to form a mirror image on a transparency sheet media in accordance with the electronic mirror image."

With respect to the Beaven, Ushiro, and Kuwata references, Applicant submits that these references, individually or in combination, do not disclose a method of imaging transparency sheet media as claimed in independent claim 27 including, amongst other things, determining a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation, including detecting an automatic mirror imaging designation for the electronic document file as the mirror imaging selection; deriving an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with the automatic mirror imaging designation; and forming a mirror image on a sheet of transparency sheet media in accordance with the electronic mirror image, do not disclose a computer-accessible storage media as claimed in independent claim 30 including program code configured to cause a processor to, amongst other things, detect an automatic mirror imaging designation of the electronic document file as a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation; derive an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with the automatic mirror imaging designation; and transmit the electronic mirror image to an imaging apparatus and form a mirror image on a sheet of transparency sheet media with the imaging apparatus in accordance with the

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electronic mirror image, and do not disclose an imaging apparatus as claimed in independent claim 33 including program code configured to cause the processor to, amongst other things, detect an automatic mirror imaging designation of the electronic document file as a mirror imaging selection for the electronic document file in response to detecting the transparency media designation; derive an electronic mirror image of the electronic document file in accordance with the automatic mirror imaging designation; and control the imaging engine to form a mirror image on a transparency sheet media in accordance with the electronic mirror image.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 27, 30, and 33, and the dependent claims depending therefrom, are each patentably distinct from the Beaven, Ushiro, and Kuwata references and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that claims 27-37 be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-3, 9, 10, 13-16, 19, 20, and 27-37 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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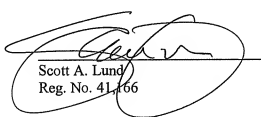
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